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FOR MCCLOSKEY FROM HARE

RICHARD C. HOTTELET REPORTED ON CBS RADIO THIS MORNING THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER HAD GROMYKO TO DINNER LAST EVENING. HOTTELET REPORTS THAT THE PRINCIPAL TOPIC OF CONVERSATION WAS MOSCOW'S DESIRE FOR MFN IN THE TRADE BILL. THE SECRETARY EXPLAINED THAT CONGRESS DOES AS IT PLEASES THESE DAYS AND THAT ITS MOOD IS AFFECTED BY THE SOVIET TREATMENT OF JEWS AND INTELLECTUALS. GROMYKO TOOK THE POSITION THAT THE CONGRESSIONAL ATTITUDE TOWARD SOVIET EMIGRATION POLICIES WAS A FLAGRANT INTERFERENCE IN SOVIET DOMESTIC AFFAIRS. THE MIDDLE EAST PROGRAM WAS TOUCHED ON BRIEFLY AND THIS PROBLEM IS EXPECTED TO BE THE MAIN COURSE AT THE LUNCHEON THE SECRETARY IS GIVING TODAY FOR ARAB DELEGATIONS AND HOTTELET BELIEVES THAT THE SUBJECT IS BOUND TO APPEAR IN GROMYKO'S ADDRESS TODAY TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

RICHARD VALERIANI ON THIS MORNING'S NBC TODAY SHOW SAID
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THAT THE SECRETARY HAD MET WITH HOME AND OHIRA AND HAD

DINNER WITH GROMYKO. VALERIANI REPORTED THAT POSSIBLE VISITS

OF THE PRESIDENT WERE DISCUSSED WITH HOME AND OHIRA BUT THAT NOTHING WAS DECIDED AND THAT IT WAS INDICATED STRONGLY THAT THE PRESIDENT WOULD NOT VISIT EUROPE THIS YEAR THOUGH SECRETARY KISSINGER IS EXPECTED TO VISIT JAPAN, EUROPE AND CHINA BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR. VALERIANI STATED THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER'S LUNCHEON TODAY WITH ARAB DIPLOMATS COULD TURN OUT TO BE HIS MOST IMPORTANT NEW YORK MEETING. LIBYA, IRAQ, SOUTHERN YEMEN, ALGERIA AND SYRIA WILL NOT ATTEND THE LUNCHEON BUT THE MEETING COULD DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT THE U.S. DECIDES TO LAUNCH A NEW PEACE INITIATIVE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. RUSH

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